



## **Anthony P. Placido**

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Mr. Placido began his law enforcement career with the U.S. Customs Service in 1979. The following year he joined the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and was assigned to the Office of Intelligence. In 1982, Mr. Placido was appointed as a DEA Special Agent and in that capacity he served in multiple domestic and foreign postings. Mr. Placido also has extensive experience in foreign affairs and the management of public sector organizations. He has served in a variety of headquarters and field assignments developing policy and leading counter-drug programs. His management assignments include: Team Leader for the Tactical Intelligence Unit at Lima, Peru; Supervisor for an enforcement group at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; Senior Inspector with the Office of Professional Responsibility (internal affairs); and Executive Assistant to the DEA's Deputy Administrator, where he focused on interagency coordination.

In 1998, Mr. Placido was promoted into the Senior Executive Service and was assigned as the Country Attaché for Bolivia, where he led a successful program that dramatically reduced the availability of cocaine from this critical source country. From 2000-2002, Mr. Placido was assigned to Mexico City where he served as the Regional Director of the Mexico-Central America Division and was responsible for managing DEA operations in eight countries throughout the region. During his tenure, cooperative investigations were greatly enhanced and major international drug trafficking cartels such as the Arellano-Felix Organization, the Carillo-Fuentes Organization, the Gulf Cartel and the Sonora Cartel were disrupted and/or dismantled. In 2002, Mr. Placido was selected as the Special Agent in Charge of the New York Field Division. During his tenure, Mr. Placido expanded information and intelligence exchange within the law enforcement community. Mr. Placido led the effort to establish the New York Strike Force, an inter-agency endeavor featuring innovative financing, co-mingled interagency staffing, shared management and a common data repository.

In 2005, Deputy Attorney General James Comey appointed Mr. Placido to lead an inter-agency effort to establish the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Fusion Center, which utilizes a multi-agency workforce and a fused database to support investigations of the highest level transnational drug trafficking organizations. As the center's Director, Mr. Placido is responsible for all aspects of project management to include building the center and its information technology systems, training, and developing policies, procedures and protocols. Subsequently, DEA Administrator Karen P. Tandy appointed Mr. Placido to serve as Assistant Administrator and Chief of Intelligence. In this capacity, he leads the agency's intelligence program, including the development of a collection management strategy for the agency's global workforce. His responsibilities include management of a number of classified projects and executive leadership for the headquarters based Intelligence Division and the El Paso Intelligence Center, liaison with the intelligence community, information sharing and exchange protocols, and developing policy for 800 Intelligence Analysts assigned to DEA offices around the world.

A native of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, Mr. Placido earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University and a Master of Public Administration degree from Golden Gate University. He is currently completing a Post Graduate Certificate in Legislative Studies from Georgetown University. Mr. Placido is married and has two teenage children.